

Intruder Peeks in Hillside Showers

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contributing writer

A trespasser entered Hillside Hall on Saturday morning just before 11 a.m. and opened two shower curtains while two female residents were showering, according to JMU Police.

Police sent a “Timely Notice” e-mail at 11 a.m. Sunday to alert the campus to the reported crime.

Hillside resident Ariel Spagnolo said her friend Katie Stolp had been in the shower when the man walked into the hall-style restroom. According to Spagnolo, Stolp screamed, the man said “I’m sorry,” and he walked out.

The case is under investigation, but according to reports given to police, the suspect was a dark-skinned black male, approximately 5-feet-9 inches to 6-feet tall. He reportedly wore all black clothing and had a “distinct verbal dialect.”

Stolp declined to comment for this story, and the second woman could not be located for comment. Hillside Hall director Sarah Woody and resident adviser Maria Lane attempted to have *Breeze* reporters removed from the dorm Sunday and vehemently objected to residents speaking with reporters.

Freshman resident Holly Betancourt saw the man sitting alone outside the building Saturday morning, wearing a black sweatshirt and talking on the phone.

“I thought it was kind of weird, just because no one really is out at that time of the day, but I didn’t really think anything of it,” Betancourt said. “He looked and seemed like a normal person.”

Spagnolo was asleep in Hillside at the time.

“I feel like our safety is in jeopardy because anyone can get in,” Spagnolo said. “I wish Hillside dorms were like the Village, where you have to swipe your card for each hallway, so that way it’s a lot harder for people to get in.”

Hillside dorms require only one swipe of a JACard — at the main or side entrances.

Police recommend residents leave their room and suite doors locked and not share access codes with anyone.

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KNOCKED OUT?

Playoff Chances Uncertain After Poor Offensive Showing In 27-0 Loss to Villanova

By DAN LOBDELL
The Breeze

After a shut out by Villanova on Saturday, JMU’s already slim chances of making the play-offs appear to be gone.

The 27-0 loss on Homecoming weekend leaves the Dukes on a three-game conference losing streak for the first time since 2005, the last time Madison missed the playoffs.

“You always bring up the playoffs, that’s just not on our mind. We’re trying to play better,” JMU coach Mickey Matthews said. “Rather than concerned about playoffs, we’re just trying to make a first down right now.”

Offensively, JMU (2-4 overall, 0-3 in the Colonial Athletic Association) sputtered, crossing midfield only twice. It was the first time the Dukes had been shut out at home since November 1990.

Villanova coach Andy Talley said in the post-game press conference, even after seeing his team convincingly defeat JMU at Bridgeforth Stadium, that if Madison wins out, they aren’t necessarily erased from the playoff picture.

“I’m always gonna lobby for a 7-4 team out of the CAA,” Talley said. “They played the No. 1 team in the country, the No. 6 team in the country. They’ve played Maryland. I think if they can run the table, they will have beaten some pretty good people.”

“They could be a very difficult team to play in the playoffs. They could be one of those teams that slips in in the end that could scare you.”

Talley described both team’s schedules this season as “murderous,” and because of that, he would vote for a CAA team with a worse record over a 9-2 team from a weaker conference.

Redshirt freshman Justin Thorpe, who is now



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Madison's fourth loss Saturday may keep the Dukes out of the playoffs for the first time since 2005. The players expressed dismay during and after the stinging shutout defeat against Villanova, a team JMU beat twice last year.

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« JMU-VILLANOVA GAME OVERVIEW »

The outcome was decided...

When Villanova's Fred Maldonado recovered Justin Thorpe's second fumble in the second quarter.

Player of the game

Villanova junior quarterback Chris Whitney, who ran for 97 yards and tied a career high with three touchdown passes.

Game-changing stat

For the second straight game, it's turnovers. Villanova turned two fumble recoveries into 10 second-quarter points.

Attendance Policy Revision Proposed in Faculty Senate

Resolution Pushes Excused Absences for All ‘University Activities,’ Next Comes Subcommittee Decision

By ALLIE CONROY
contributing writer

A less-stringent excused absence policy is going through discussions and could help students who have to miss classes due to other university activities.

Roger Soenksen, a media arts and design professor and faculty representative to the NCAA, proposed the policy to the Faculty senate calling for a university-wide excused absence policy.

If the academic policies subcommittee approves the resolution, it will go to the floor of the Faculty senate for debate and a vote, according to Soenksen.

The resolution states “students are expected to attend all classes,” but “participation in University activities at the request of University authorities” should be permitted as excused absences. It also states that “faculty members are required to allow students with documented excused absences to make up missed work or assignments” and “when the nature of the assignment makes this impossible, (e.g., science lab), the faculty member should attempt to make a reasonable adjustment of the assignment.”

According to the current excused absence policy approved March 27, professors ultimately make their own attendance policies: “Instructor policies govern what absences will be excused, how many excused absences will be allowed and how missed work will be made up, if permitted.”

Soenksen said a number of departments support a policy change,

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INNOCENT ON DEATH ROW

‘Society Says You Are a Monster’

Speaker Shares What it was Like to Face Execution

By CAITLIN HAWES | contributing writer

About 20 days before his execution date, Shabaka WaQlimi was moved to the “Presidential Treatment” — Death Watch, a cell only 30 feet from the execution chair. Each day he listened to the chair buzz as it was tested twice, in preparation for his execution.

“That’s a very eerie sound,” he said. “It will run you insane.”

A guard constantly hovered over a chair nearby to ensure that WaQlimi did not commit suicide and “deny the state its right” in killing him.

In the hours leading up to death, a civilian came with a tape measure to size him for his burial suit. To make sure no one poisoned his food, a specialized chef came to cook him whatever he wanted for his last meal, which he declined.

Thirteen hours before he was to be “murdered,” the state stayed his execution due to resurfacing evidence proving his innocence. However, he still spent three and half years in prison before a judge exonerated him, because the justice system took so long to process the uncovered evidence.

“I stand before you, innocent of all charges... not because of a legal technicality, but because I did not commit the crime,” WaQlimi said.

WaQlimi spoke in ISAT on Wednesday for “Voice of the Exonerated: Innocence and the Death Penalty,” presented by Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Witness to Innocence and Amnesty International.

“I’ve never experienced anything like that,” said Maegan Pisman, a sophomore psychology major. “To actually see someone who wasn’t killed and hear his personal experience... it’s big.”

At 23 years old in 1972, he was sentenced to life in prison in Tampa, Fla. for robbery and rape, and the death penalty for the murder of a woman he said he had never met. Consequently, he spent almost 15 years in prison in Florida, including time on death row.

“That was my hellhole, in which every day I had to make a decision. I had to reach inside of myself for strength,” WaQlimi said. “Society says you are a monster. You have horns coming out of your head. You must be removed. You

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Shabaka WaQlimi's execution was stayed with only 13 hours remaining, but he spent another three and a half years in prison before a judge exonerated him. He is on a statewide tour with Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

A Happy Homecoming Welcome



PATRICK HAGGERTY/contributing photographer

Juniors geography major, Charlie Hamm (left), and communication studies major, Austin Farinholt, composed one of two teams of first-place winners for a Homecoming door decorating competition. The Pheasant Run residents won the “Best Spirit” category.

Nation&World

Suicide Attack Kills Six Islamic Guards

TEHRAN, Iran — In a brazen attack on Iran’s military elite, a suicide bomber on Sunday killed six Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commanders and 26 others at a gathering of tribal leaders in a south-eastern province near the Pakistan border known for drug running and religious extremism, according to the official Iranian news agency.

The assault was carried out by a lone man who reportedly disguised himself in tribal dress and detonated an explosives belt at a gymnasium in the city of Pishin in Sistan-Baluchistan, a harsh land plagued by heroin smuggling and ethnic animosities. At least 28 people were wounded, and images of carnage were broadcast across a stunned nation.

State media said the Sunni Muslim militant group Jundallah, or Soldiers of God, which operates along the Iran-Pakistan border, claimed responsibility for the attack. The organization, part of a regional Sunni insurgency in Shiite-dominated Iran, has for years killed and kidnapped Iranian soldiers and police officers.

The bombing Sunday highlighted the increasing dangers near the intersection of Iran and its two troubled neighbors: Afghanistan, where U.S. forces are battling a resurgent Taliban, and Pakistan, where the military this weekend launched a major offensive against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters. Jundallah has its own agenda in Iran, but its ideology and proximity to the other militant groups prompted Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to caution Pakistan about cross-border violence.

“We have heard that certain officials in Pakistan cooperate with main agents of these terrorist attacks in eastern parts of the country. It is our right to ask (for extradition) of criminals,” Ahmadinejad said Sunday night, shortly after Iranian news agencies reported that Tehran had summoned the Pakistani charge d’affaires to the Foreign Ministry.

The attack also came as the world has been focused on Iran’s controversial nuclear development program and on widespread protests over vote fraud in Ahmadinejad’s June re-election victory. The issues have put tremendous pressure on the president and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, both of whom have moved to crush internal dissent while offering a mix of defiance and conciliation with world powers over the country’s nuclear ambitions.

The Baluchistan bomber, dressed in a loose white robe, struck during what was to be a reconciliation meeting between Shiite and Sunni tribesmen to calm sectarian tensions in southeast Iran. Iran state-owned Press TV reported that a simultaneous second bombing targeted another group of Revolutionary Guard officers traveling in a convoy near Pishin.

There were no numbers on casualties, and the report could not be independently confirmed.

The region is a tangle of disenfranchised clans and sects that claim to have been persecuted for generations by the nation’s Shiite majority. Jundallah and other groups pose no serious threat to the central Iranian government but they are capable of deadly ambushes against state and Shiite institutions, including a bombing at a mosque in May that left more than 20 people dead.

Iran’s post-election unrest may have also helped inspire Sunday’s bloodshed. Jundallah had vowed to take revenge against the Revolutionary Guard for cracking down on protesters marching against Ahmadinejad.

The peaceful opposition movement led by vanquished presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi never associated itself with Jundallah, but some analysts suggested the group plotted the attack to exploit the political turmoil at a time the Revolutionary Guard is tightening its hold on the country.

Pakistan Deploys Major Offensive

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Pakistani military launched a major ground offensive Saturday in the insurgent haven of South Waziristan, starting a much-awaited fight that could define the nation’s increasingly bloody domestic struggle against Islamist extremism.

Pakistani officials said nearly 30,000 troops were deployed in the Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold, from where militants have planned a two-week-long string of attacks against the nation’s formidable security forces.

The assaults have killed nearly 200 people and further destabilized a weak government that the United States has pressed to take a tougher stand against militancy. Now, with public alarm rising and winter snowfall approaching, Pakistani officials indicated they could wait no longer.

“There has to be consensus in the face of what is clearly now a war,” said Sherry Rehman, a ruling party lawmaker. “We have to treat this as a battle for Pakistan’s survival.”

The offensive is a gamble. Pakistani forces retreated after three previous, but far smaller, incursions into South Waziristan, an essentially ungoverned terrain of ridges and peaks that is unfamiliar to most except the tribes that live there. The Pakistani army has been trained to battle arch-enemy India on the plains of the Punjab province, not conduct alpine counterinsurgency operations.

To succeed, experts on the insurgency said, the military will need to stunt the leadership of the feared Mehsud network of the Pakistani Taliban, which has regrouped since its chief was killed by a U.S. missile strike in August. The military will have to do that without alienating civilians in the area, they said, and before winter sets in. The operation is expected to last six to eight weeks, said Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, a military spokesman.

“The stakes for both sides are enormous,” said Bruce Hoffman, a counterinsurgency expert at Georgetown University. “The attacks of the past couple weeks demonstrate that the militants are really concerned ... and that will have increased the ardor of the Pakistani forces to succeed. But it’s also an indication of why they can’t fail — the threat is already manifest.”

American officials have said that U.S.-led military efforts in neighboring Afghanistan can work only if Pakistan, a U.S. ally, eliminates militant havens from its border region. Experts said cornering the Pakistani Taliban could also help the United States better target its drone strikes in the tribal areas along the Afghan border, which Pakistan says have “seriously impeded” its own battle against terrorism by killing civilians.

Funds Needed for Afghanistan Efforts

WASHINGTON — While the Obama administration weighs whether to send additional troops to Afghanistan, the U.S. military is spending billions of dollars on construction projects to ensure the country’s infrastructure can support American and coalition personnel in 2010 and years beyond.

The military has already spent roughly \$2.7 billion on construction over the past three fiscal years. Now, if its request is approved as part of the fiscal 2010 defense appropriations bill, it would spend another \$1.3 billion on more than 100 projects at 40 sites across the country, according to a Senate report on the legislation.

At the main U.S. base in Afghanistan, Bagram, the military is planning to build a \$30 million passenger terminal and adjacent cargo facility to handle the flow of troops, many of

whom arrive at the base north of Kabul before moving onto other sites. Under the proposed schedule, those facilities will not be completed until late 2010 and go into operation early in 2011, according to military sources.

Officials say such projects are absolutely essential given the inadequate and dilapidated nature of the existing infrastructure.

“The current facilities are inadequate to support the daily volume of approximately 1,000 passengers and 400 short tons of cargo each day,” Lt. Col. Dan Krall, 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron commander, said in a statement.

With the transit of service personnel expected to grow to 1,650 a day, Krall said the terminal needs 1,000 seats in the terminal for personnel awaiting space on flights. Currently, the terminal has a 250-seat capacity.

Rear Adm. Hal Pittman, director of communications for U.S. Central Command, noted recently that many of the older military bases in Afghanistan were primarily made up of several small cement or mud buildings.

“Afghanistan is totally different from Iraq, where you had facilities that could be modernized,” he said.

Pittman recalled that Bagram Air Base had cement block buildings constructed by the Soviets in the 1970s and ‘80s. When U.S. forces began to arrive in December 2001, most had to be put up in tents. While some troops are still housed in the Soviet-constructed buildings, close to \$500 million has been spent to upgrade the base, which has 32 acres of ramp space, four large hangars, new barracks and an improvised terminal.

Now, there’s a touch of America at the base, including fast-food options such as Burger King and Pizza Hut.

Still, military officials say the upgrades hardly mean troops have all they need, and the construction at Bagram is far from complete. Last week, the Corps of Engineers put out notice of a new project at Bagram that could cost more than \$25 million. It includes expansion of the paved aircraft parking area to hold 18 fighter aircraft.

Healthcare Meetings Mostly Closed-Door

WASHINGTON — Three months before he was elected president, Barack Obama vowed not only to reform health care but also to pass the legislation in an unprecedented way.

“I’m going to have all the negotiations around a big table,” he said at an appearance in Chester, Va., repeating an assertion he made many times. He said the discussions would be “televised on C-SPAN, so that people can see who is making arguments on behalf of their constituents, and who are making arguments on behalf of the drug companies or the insurance companies.”

But now, as a Senate vote on healthcare legislation nears, those negotiations are occurring in a setting that is anything but revolutionary in Washington: Three senators are working on the bill behind closed doors.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., sits at the head of a wooden table at his office as he and Sens. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Max Baucus, D-Mont., work to merge two competing versions of healthcare legislation into one bill. The three men will be joined by top aides as well as by members of President Obama’s healthcare team, led by White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel. The sessions started on Wednesday and could be completed this week.

The group will make such key decisions as whether to include a government-run insurance plan designed to compete with private insurance companies. The bill passed in July by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which Dodd led while the late Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was

CORRECTIONS

In the Thursday, Oct. 15 issue of *The Breeze*, the article “‘I Love You Mom’ Makes it all Worthwhile” incorrectly named 2-year-old Owen Brady Ellis as Owen Farlow.

Also, the article “Clementine Manager Brightens Downtown with Skate Shop,” incorrectly named Mike Hill as Mike Hall and didn’t attribute him as co-owner of Wonder Skate Culture.

The photo caption in the Monday, Oct. 12 issue of the article “African Crossroads Merge Old With New” incorrectly described Zora Neale Hurston as an African author; it should have read black.

The Breeze regrets all errors.

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ailing, included such a provision, but the legislation passed last week by Baucus’s Finance Committee did not.

The bills also differ on how much Americans who do not buy insurance should be fined as the government seeks to get everyone covered.

In the sessions, Dodd in effect represents advocates of the government-insurance option and Baucus represents those less committed to that proposal. The tie-breaking votes are likely to be Reid and, on Obama’s behalf, Emanuel. Obama and Reid have said they personally back the government-insurance option but have not ruled out supporting a bill that lacks such a provision.

Although much of the writing of legislation happens in closed-door meetings, congressional Republicans have sharply criticized this process.

“This bill is being written in the dark of night,” said House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, adding that “the president ought to keep his promise to the American people and open this process up.”

“Transparency is a top commitment for this administration,” said Reid Cherlin, a White House spokesman. “The House and Senate have held scores of hearings on health insurance reform, and at the White House we’ve held an unprecedented series of webcast meetings with key healthcare stakeholders to gather their input in a public forum.”

Baucus played down the private nature of the group’s meetings. “In a real sense, all senators who want healthcare reform are in the room because we’ll be talking to all of them, they’ll be talking to us,” he said.

The three senators and Emanuel won’t be the only ones playing a role in shaping the legislation. Every member of the Senate will have a chance to offer amendments to the bill the three senators write. And even though the final legislation is expected to resemble more closely the version in the Senate, where final passage would require support from more-conservative Democrats, House Democrats have been meeting for weeks on their version of the bill.

The House Democratic leadership and several key chairmen meet daily, and are regularly briefing smaller groups of lawmakers. As in the Senate, House moderates and liberals remain divided over the government-insurance option, which Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., strongly favors.

The House meetings are also not televised on C-SPAN or open to the public. But unlike the Senate negotiations, the House discussions tend to be open to more lawmakers.

D.C. Wastes Millions On Weak AIDS Care

WASHINGTON — In a city ravaged by the highest rate of AIDS cases in the nation, the D.C. Health Department paid millions to nonprofit groups that delivered substandard services or failed to account for any work at all,

even as sick people searched for care or died waiting.

More than \$1 million in AIDS money went to a housing group whose ailing boarders sometimes struggled without electricity, gas or food. A supervisor said she was ordered to create records for ghost employees.

About \$400,000 was paid to a nonprofit organization launched by a man who once ran one of the District’s largest cocaine rings, for a promised job-training center that has never opened.

More than \$500,000 was earmarked for a housing program whose executive director had a string of convictions for theft, drugs and forgery. After the D.C. Inspector General’s Office could find no evidence that he was operating an AIDS nonprofit group, the city terminated the grant but never sought repayment.

All told, the Health Department’s HIV/AIDS Administration awarded more than \$25 million from 2004 to 2008 to nonprofit agencies marked by questionable spending, a lack of clients, or lapses in record-keeping and care, a 10-month Washington Post investigation found. Many of the groups have since closed or are no longer providing AIDS services.

Across the city, the sick are suffering. Renee Paige, 50, once threw birthday parties for her two daughters in her apartment in Southeast Washington, where she’d cook beef stew for elderly neighbors and always had bus fare for a friend. But AIDS and two bouts of pneumonia had left her weak, homeless and unable to care for herself.

She came to a community meeting in April after spending the night on a park bench in heavy rain, with no place to go. “I have AIDS,” she told the group, “and I am soaking wet.”

Weeks later, she died alone, on the bench, one mile from the HIV/AIDS Administration and within two miles of a dozen nonprofit groups that help people with AIDS. “I couldn’t understand,” said Keena Stewart, who had known Paige for 15 years. “How could she die like that?”

More than 15,000 people have HIV or AIDS in the District, 3 percent of the population older than 12. For black men, the rate is more than double, at 6.5 percent — one of every 15 people.

The disease has spread so fast, to every corner of the capital, that health officials call it a “modern epidemic.” The District’s AIDS rate is higher than that of some countries in West Africa.

Twenty-five years ago, the District was on the forefront of the fight against the disease. City leaders created a government-funded AIDS office and began to pour tens of millions of dollars into a network of local groups that promised critical front-line support.

Early on, the District focused on white gay men in more affluent areas. In recent years, however, city officials have pushed to support community-based groups in poorer neighborhoods that had traditionally been underserved by AIDS agencies.

— The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times

this week's
FORECAST

TODAY



59°/37°
0% chance of precipitation

TUESDAY



68°/43°
0% chance of precipitation

WEDNESDAY



70°/44°
0% chance of precipitation

THURSDAY



70°/50°
20% chance of precipitation

Prosecutor to ‘Promote Justice’ in Western Va.

Attorney Who Helped Prosecute Murderer of JMU Students in 1996 Sworn in to High Position

The newest U.S. attorney in Virginia was involved with the prosecution of a suspect in connection to the 1996 murders of two JMU students.

Timothy Heaphy was sworn in during a ceremony in U.S. District Court in Abingdon. He was confirmed by Congress on Wednesday after President Barack Obama appointed him July 31.

Brent Simmons was charged with

the murders of JMU students Ann Olson, 25, and Keith O’Connell, 23, but Simmons’ trial ended in a hung jury. Simmons later pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and received a 20-year sentence. In 2005, he was convicted again for related charges of illegally using a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. Simmons received a life sentence.

Heaphy, a partner at Charlottesville’s McGuireWoods, LLP, was an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia from 1994 to 2003. For the next two years, Heaphy served as deputy managing assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

In a statement, Heaphy said his office will “work with all the diverse communities in the Western District to

both prevent crimes and punish those who break the law... I look forward to that important effort and to working to promote justice in the days ahead.”

Heaphy has a law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. He also studied at UVA. during his undergraduate career.

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Gangs: Police Arrest Nine Members

Six adults and three juveniles were arrested Wednesday on 71 gang-related charges.

On Tuesday, the Shenandoah Valley Multi-Jurisdictional Grand Jury indicted the nine defendants.

The charges included property damage, grand larceny, hazing, drug possession and malicious wounding. Locations and other details of the alleged crimes were not immediately available.

Juan Jose Valencia-Ramirez, 24, of Broadway, and Luis Flores, 19, of Harrisonburg are the suspected leaders of the groups, police said at a press conference Thursday. Both recently moved to the Valley. All those arrested are between the ages of 15- and 25-years-old; the three juveniles charged were two 15-year-olds and a 16-year-old.

Police believe that eight of the suspects are members of the gang known as SUR-13, while one is believed to be a Crips member.

Over the past several years, police have warned of an increase in gang activity in the Shenandoah Valley. Gang members usually target juveniles because they are easier to recruit, according to Lt. Kurt Boshart.

Within the previous year, CHARGE officials said the task force filed 225 gang-related charges within Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

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For millions of Americans, identity theft is not just a hypothetical scenario, but rather a devastating crime which causes both financial and emotional pain.

PROTECTING YOUR NAME

JMU Alumni Present Ways to Avoid Identity Theft Scams

By RYAN F. PLATT
contributing writer

Wednesday night, JMU teamed up with Commonwealth One, the bank in Gibbons Hall, to bring students a seminar at Taylor Hall, teaching ways to prevent identity theft. The seminar was led by Wayne Carickhoff, a JMU alumnus involved in banking for seven years, and Channing McGuffin, another JMU alumnus whose been working in banking for eight years. A small group of students attended the information session to learn the basics of identity theft and prevention.

Identity theft is when someone steals your name, Social Security number or other personal information to establish new accounts and make purchases in your name. About one in five American consumers, or 19 percent, has been a victim of identity theft in one way or another.

According to the U.S. Justice Department, the number of families who had experienced identity theft had reached 3.6 million (three percent of all U.S. households) in merely the first six months of 2004 alone. Since 2004, the number of people affected has slowly decreased. In 2003, 10.1 million had their identities stolen, in 2005 there were 9.3 million, and in 2006 there were 8.9 million according to Carickhoff.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 18- to 24-year-olds are the among the ones who are at the most risk.

Carickhoff, a regional business development officer for Commonwealth One, attributed the decline largely to awareness from both

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Identity thieves usually go through a “paper trail” of receipts, bank statements and other financial records that can reveal information about an individual.

graphic by KELLY LONERGAN/The Breeze

New Web Site Focuses on Interactive Nutrition

By LAURA GRAYSON and AMANDA HERMAN
contributing writers

A new Web site from of James Madison University will receive \$3.4 million for its three-year creation.

Members of the JMU community are renovating “Health Bites,” a Web site for the Virginia Department of Health.

The specific section focuses on health care for children, particularly nutrition information, according to Rhonda Zingraff, director of JMU’s Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services.

Pat Kennedy, project co-director of Health Bites, assures the site will not be another resource filled simply with static information about nutrition. She said it’s an interactive, educational and informative way for anyone and everyone to get nutritional information.

“I think that this project is absolutely great,” Kennedy said. “It’s a great model for other states and other nutritional programs like it.”

The information on the site is targeted to the program Women, Infants and Children.

Using this new site allows individuals to learn about important nutrition topics, such as the benefit of breast feeding and strategies for avoiding childhood obesity, Zingraff said. For example, a WIC counselor could screen specific topics on the site with a group of people for discussion and then provide hard copies of the script for easy reference at home.

“These are typically moms who have young children,” Zingraff said. “The VDH is seeking to be sure that when they have questions about the nutritional needs for the babies and toddlers and young children in their families, that they can get the most up-to-date, helpful information.”

This type of site requires a lot of time and work, according to Zingraff. With figuring out what equipment is needed, what activities need planning, and what everything will cost, the earliest time they felt they could get everything done was 36 months.

The interactive components will include videos, games and puzzles.

“Nobody wants to go sit in a lecture about nutrition,” Zingraff said. “But almost all of us need more nutritional information.”

Actors will be hired to present scripts containing content the faculty believes is important for short videos. Other elements will include puzzles on “getting

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One Charge Dropped in Hit-and-Run

A felony involuntary manslaughter charge was dropped Thursday against the driver in a hit-and-run that killed a former JMU employee.

During a hearing in Rockingham County Circuit Court, 25-year-old Bethany Jones pleaded guilty to felony hit-and-run and the misdemeanors reckless driving and obstruction of justice. Jones’ sentencing is scheduled Dec. 28. She faces up to 12 years in prison.

Jones hit Sherry Anderson, 55, early in the morning on Jan. 6.

Anderson had been an educational consultant with the Shenandoah Valley Child Development Clinic.

Anderson had been jogging with a group of runners along South Main Street when Jones, a former employee of The Pub, hit her with her car near the Port Republic intersection.

Jones had been drinking after her Jan. 5 bartending shift ended. Around 5 a.m., Jones hit Anderson. An investigator said during Jones’ first court appearance on Jan. 8 that Jones had admitted she had hit some object, not realizing it was a person, and she acknowledged that she had been drinking.

— staff reports

JMU’s Green Energy Coalition

By DANIELLE STRICKLER
contributing writer

Though a new JMU institute doesn’t know specifically what it’s target research is, it has one broad goal: learning more about the demands of energy and its effects on the environment.

The Institute for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, which announced its opening two weeks ago, will bring faculty from departments around campus together to provide different views in the growing energy crisis.

“Energy and environment cannot be targeted by one group,” said Kenneth Newbold Jr, head of IEES. “It needs to be targeted from a holistic approach and work across the disciplines. A scientists’ view is different from a sociologists’ view.”

IEES will target energy while stressing its own research on how JMU can be more environmentally sustainable. It will help existing programs by opening new avenues and not limiting the research possibilities, according to Newbold.

Maria Papadakis, an ISAT and geographic science professor, also explained that the Institute, with

“support from the highest levels of the administration, will continue to strengthen JMU’s role and presence in the region.”

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Head of Institute for Energy and Environmental Sustainability

The Institute for Stewardship of the Natural World also decides which issues should be priorities, according to Christie-Joy Brodrick Hartman, executive director, while challenging JMU to be critical toward stewardship of the earth.

The research efforts of IEES will be separate, but at the same time, the two institutes could use their

research to unify the campus’ goals.

IEES will also work with 25x’25, Virginia Wind Energy Collaborative and the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium.

Newbold believes the possibilities are endless, and he hopes other advocates will notice JMU’s efforts and want to help.

“Scientists are leading the charge on change in the environment, and universities have large amounts [of scientists] working on issues,” junior ISAT major Sean Ritchey said. “Having programs like this allows collaboration, to better come up with adequate solutions to the problems” in the environment.

Other professional organizations, such as universities and groups, could also get involved, Newbold said. He said that the more advocates there are for sustainability, the more likely a plausible solution will come about.

JMU has partnered with the community on many efforts such as getting buses switched to biodiesel. Although not all run on

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consumer and company standpoints.

“The dollar amounts have gone up, but the number of [people affected] has gone down,” Carickhoff said. The incredible technological abilities people and companies have today makes keeping track of finances and monitoring what’s happening to people’s money much easier than it was even just a few short years ago, according to Carickhoff.

Today’s identity thieves have a variety of methods to steal as much information from you as they can. The most assumed method is through the Internet.

“It’s actually very rare,” to see important information stolen via the Web,” Carickhoff said. However, it’s through “paper trails” of receipts, bank statements and other forms of financial records that most thieves are able to get enough personal information to steal from you. It’s important to make sure that any financial records are safely stored or properly shredded.

When it comes to safety online, sites that include an ‘S’ in the http portion of the address (https://) are

considered secured sites. If there’s no ‘S,’ you’re at risk.

Also never open e-mails or attachments from people you don’t know, and more importantly, never respond with personal details like bank account numbers or addresses. Be wary of imitation sites that may look official, but have slight misspellings in the name of the company.

In general, be absolutely sure when giving away personal info. Don’t be afraid to ask questions, like, “Why do you need this?” And only give out your Social Security number if absolutely necessary.

As for other non-Internet related concerns, keep a close eye on anything that can be connected with your money. While many people have their parents in their cell phones as mom or dad, someone who steals or finds phone can easily text someone under the name “mom” or “dad” asking for a Social Security number to “join a club” or something along those lines.

Contact anyone who would have your SSN or other vital information, and let them know you no longer have your phone. In addition, copy all credit and debit cards you have, front and back, so if your wallet is lost or stolen,

you have all the information needed to quickly re-secure your finances.

Jason Anderson, a JMU master of fine arts graduate student works in retail and spoke of a customer last week who had more than \$20,000 falsely charged to her account. A problem with stores in the United States is cashiers rarely ask to see identification, or any questions at all, when given credit cards.

“You don’t want to ask, you don’t want to upset the customer, you don’t want to get a look,” Anderson said. The issue of personal financial security is placed on the individual.

A case of identity theft can take between 30 and 60 hours to resolve. Carickhoff said if a debit card is used or funds are taken directly from someone’s account, that is not insured and the victim is responsible. However, credit cards are insured so users pay just a certain amount.

“The key is just to act quickly [when you know something is wrong],” McGuffin said. Just as there’s a wide array of ways to commit identity theft, but there’s even more ways to prevent yourself from becoming the next victim.

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biodiesel yet, the effort is ongoing. IEES hopes to continually foster the community partnership and develop ideas that cannot only be applied at a local level but nationally and globally as well.

“I feel that energy conservation and environmental sustainability should be looked at together,” Newbold said. “Often time environmental aspects are overlooked when an organization starts to work on a new idea.”

For example, Newbold pointed out that Harrisonburg’s surrounding counties of Page and Rockingham rank among the top counties for agriculture. If IEES were to consider corn as an alternative fuel, it would also consider how that would affect

the prices, the land, other agricultural aspects, as well as the local economy.

Newbold hopes EES will analyze problems in such a way that each idea, as it develops, will consider not only the financial aspect, but that the environment is not harmed either. He is planning a faculty interest meeting before deciding on specific projects.

“This program would help get more awareness on campus, and students would be able to help their professors with research is a good way to get everyone involved,” senior health science major Jaime Altheide said. “Not many people know how to go about getting involved.”

For more information, visit www.jmu.edu/iees.

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the most for your nutritional dollars” or “understanding the most about your nutrition needs,” according to Zingraff.

People across campus will work on the project, not limited to dietetics, education and technology.

The Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services worked with the VDH in the past for other successful projects, which helped “Health Bites” come to JMU. One such project along the same subject is the partially finished “Bright Futures” Web site.

“When the VDH was making the decision to take this large step to redo the ‘Health Bites’ material, they decided they would rather work with JMU than anyone else,” Zingraff said.

The Web site will be in English and Spanish to increase its versatility and availability to Virginia households. Zingraff believes other states will also find the site helpful.

“The VDH gets a better product, and in turn, the citizens of the state who will use this get better information,” Zingraff said. “And the faculty of the university gets the thrill of being able to work on a team and accomplish something they value.”

EXONERATED | Let Out for Two Hours a Day

from front

must be destroyed.”

Since a judge exonerated him in 1987 based on evidence of his innocence, he has toured the country sharing his experience, currently traveling with Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

He told the audience he had attempted suicide several times but failed.

“All these emotions well up inside of you, and you want to cry out,” he said. “But you can’t.”

WaQlimi’s description of the death penalty as a “systematic murder of the state,” piqued interest, adding that murder was defined as something “premeditated and thought out” — the state premeditated the process down to asking death row prisoners what they wanted for their last meal.

Within his “cage,” he was let out only two hours a day, weather permitting — meaning sometimes he went months without fresh air. Twice a week he could take a 6 minute shower.

Anna Laura Grant, a senior

justice studies major, said WaQlimi appeared to be doing well, compared to the other death row survivor was the most “traumatized” individual she had ever seen. According to Amnesty International, America ranks with Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and China for having the highest number of executions.

In August 1979, WaQlimi’s oldest brother Willy needed him for a kidney transplant in Georgia, but authorities cited security issues and denied WaQlimi the opportunity to donate, even when his brother’s doctors offered to send Willy to a nearby hospital often used to treat sick prisoners. His brother died nine days later.

“I maintain that my death sentence was carried out on my brother,” WaQlimi said. Willy’s death, he said, had no legal justification.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional, but in 1976, it ruled that for certain cases, the Judicial System could proceed with the death penalty.

According to Elizabeth Panilaitis, the executive director of Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, 138 people have “survived” the death penalty since it was reinstated in 1976.

“The scary part is, we don’t know the number of people who haven’t survived death row who were innocent,” Panilaitis said.

Soon after conviction, WaQlimi learned a former friend was falsely testifying against him. According to WaQlimi, they had attempted to rob a hotel together with rifles and shotguns, but WaQlimi turned himself in. Hence, his friend bore a grudge. The prosecution knew his friend had not witnessed the crime but nonetheless used him as a false “eyewitness” and hid evidence that WaQlimi was innocent: The fatal bullet did not fit his gun, nor did the blood type of the killer match his own when tests were run before his prosecution.

To this day, he does not know the location of the crime.

ATTENDANCE | SGA Supports

from front

including music.

Kurt Hoffman, a junior music education major, is often required to attend events outside of the classroom. He has had to miss class several times for music events, but said that most of his professors have been very understanding.

Some of his friends have not been so lucky. He said that they have had to miss music events because their non-music professors did not allow them to miss class and make up missed work.

“You miss the concert you were supposed to go to, or you miss a very important rehearsal,” Hoffman said.

However, the policy listed in the 2009-10 course catalog is not the correct version the senate approved.

Val Larsen, chair of the academic policies subcommittee, said the correct policy might not be in students’ best interests.

“The current practice does put students in a bind at times,” Larsen said. “And, the committee on academic policies is discussing the issue to see if there might be some minor changes that could be made which would serve students and faculty well.”

Soenksen pointed out examples of how the current policy could be harmful to students, such as a student presenting a paper at a national research conference

“They could potentially hurt their grade by going, depending upon the policy established by that professor,” Soenksen said.

He added that most

professors work with students who have to miss class for JMU-sponsored events.

ISAT professor Joy Ferenbaugh said though she may be more lenient than the policy requires, when students miss class for any reason, they often do not do as well.

“They do not get the hands-on work with the material, and they are often behind in the outside readings,” Ferenbaugh said.

The resolution suggests professors get tutors to help students keep up with work.

Soenksen also submitted his resolution to the SGA for support.

According to Andrew Elgert, the speaker of the student senate, SGA wrote a resolution Tuesday stating that they are in agreement with Soenksen’s resolution.

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The Administration Actually Listened

STUDENT INTEREST AND REACTION proved effective in Judicial Affairs' choice to revise the "obscene conduct" policy in the student handbook. The questionable policy, J24-101, has been changed to read; "No student shall engage in lewd, indecent or obscene conduct, regardless of proximity to campus."

The policy previously included the word "expression," which could have potentially limited students' free expression.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lack of Calendar Diversity

"Be the change you wish to see in the world" is the quote JMU proudly acquired as a new school philosophy. Yet today I picked up a copy of *The Breeze* to find the article "Strike A Pose," along with a preview picture featuring five beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed girls. This may not seem to be an issue for most JMU students and faculty members. The majority will probably not even realize the striking similarity between the girls in the picture.

However, I noticed. As a dark-haired, brown-eyed African American woman, I noticed. As a student of sociology, I automatically asked, "What does this say about society? What does it say about JMU?" It wasn't until my sociology of consumption class that I was able to understand my feelings more in depth. In this class we are asked to analyze commercials based on certain topics, one of which is race and ethnicity. Minorities are almost never represented in the commercials, and when they are, they are usually presented as lesser than their Caucasian counterparts.

The messages sent from these commercials emphasize that the lighter the skin, the more beautiful and accepted. And regardless of the intention, that is the message the Girls of Madison Calendar is projecting. I do realize it is an independent calendar made up of volunteers and that seeking out diversity can be time consuming and difficult. But that only sheds light on the bigger problem: JMU's lack of diversity.

For a school which places emphasis on inclusion, JMU has a low percentage of minority students. Is JMU really doing enough to create a student population that is reflective of the United States? What I am really asking is, in a society that places higher value on lighter skin, does JMU really want

to do the same? Or will it in fact live up to what it preaches and "be the change?"

Latasha Gray

Graduation Dreams Destroyed

When I walked onto JMU's campus four short years ago, I had dreams and goals in mind for the next four years of my life. Most importantly, I wanted to earn my degree, and with that, an accompanying graduation — a proper graduation. After recently finding out the main ceremony will not take place this year, I feel stripped of the culmination of my college career.

How dare JMU take away this monumental part of the class of 2010's lives to work on a football stadium? Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the objective of college to gain an education? Why couldn't JMU find another location? While I know that most of my peers will say, "So what? It's too early in the morning anyways," that is not the point; we should at least have the option. Not to mention, a very large majority (an estimated \$42 million) is coming from "University Funding." How about this, fund a proper graduation from your main moneymakers: tuition-paying students. Shame on you, JMU, for allowing a football stadium to overshadow a proper graduation for the students who have worked hard for the past four years to get to this point.

On the upside, I'm glad my alumni donations (which I won't give the university now) won't have to fund atrocities like a massive football stadium, since it is ruining my graduation.

Julie Carroll

senior media arts & design major

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A **"why-would-you-leave-me-in-the-rain"** dart to whoever stole my umbrella from Miller on Thursday.

From a wet freshman who is anxiously awaiting the return of her umbrella.

A **"you-are-not-an-Allman-Brother"** dart to my professor who should stop ramblin' during lecture.

From a student whose time would be better spent listening to classic rock albums.

A **"somebody-call-the-whambulance"** dart to all the JMU fans that left the game early just because you were cold and wet.

From a Marching Royal Duke who would stay band or not.

A **"there-are-lines-for-a-reason"** dart to the guy who can't seem to figure out how to park his stupid SUV.

From a vindictive New Jersey driver who has no problem parking and will continue to block your doors.

A **"what-are-we,-sardines?!"** dart to HDPT for not giving Pheasant Run its own bus.

From a Pheasant Run resident who would rather not be up-close and personal to that many people in the morning.

A **"you-honestly-expect-me-to-believe-you-got-32,000-votes?"** dart to SGA for cheating in the Homecoming Banner contest.

From a senior who didn't know cheating was a qualification for a leadership position on campus.

An **"instant-karma-is-coming-for-you"** dart to the person that hit my parked car and didn't leave a note.

From a now \$250-poorer college student who hopes your car looks worse than hers.

A **"why-won't-my-artichokes-grow-already"** dart to Farmville for distracting me from studying.

From a dedicated level 9 farmer that just wants to harvest her crops.

An **"it-wasn't-fun-while-it lasted"** dart to the friends who ended our friendships in e-mails because you don't have any class.

From an ex-friend who should've dumped you freshman year and has moved out to a way better place.

A **"meet-him-at-the-hotel-motel-Holiday-Inn-please"** dart to the couple disgustingly displaying their lust for each other on the second floor of ECL.

From a senior who uses ECL to study.

A **"that's-what-we-call-animal-cruelty"** dart to the boys throwing wine bottles at the neighborhood skunk.

From the girls next door who are trying to share the love with ALL of God's creatures.

An **"oh-hello-conservative-cutie"** pat to the foxy blonde I saw reading Glenn Beck's new book at Barnes and Noble.

From a senior who's is thankful for girls with both looks and brains.

An **"I'm-not-even-mad"** pat to my Great Dane who skillfully stole the bread off the top of my refrigerator when she came to visit.

From your owner who is now on a low-carb diet because of your bread-winning ways.

A **"get-your-own-damn-parties"** dart to the Harrisonburg townies.

From a guy whose tired of you tryin' to steal my stuff.

A **"you-lie!!!"** dart to the vending machine in Anthony-Seeger Hall for claiming to accept cash.

From a hungry guy who has flattened his dollar bills to perfection but still can't use them.

A **"you'll-get-'em-next-time-tiger"** pat to young Justin Thorpe.

From a football-lovin' senior who still believes in her Dukes and their QB.

A **"way-to-not-be-the-change"** dart to all the trees on campus that refuse to turn colors.

From a guy who could use a little more yellow, red and orange in his fall.

DREW BEGGS | *The Breeze*

Never Compromise What's Right

Bi-partisanship. Reaching over the aisle. Compromise.

Happy-feely buzzwords, aren't they?

Politician A proposes a bi-partisan solution to healthcare reform. Politician B aims to make a compromise on strategy for the War in Afghanistan. Politician C looks to make everyone happy about climate change.

Noble endeavors, right? Not exactly. There's no reason to reach over the aisle when you have the right answer, and the other side doesn't. Imagine if hundreds of years ago there had been a compromise between those who thought the world was flat and those who thought it was round. Imagine if the "round-worlders" had reached across the aisle to the "flat-worlders," so they could reach a decision and stop their bickering. The world is just a big sphere cut in half: one side flat, one side round. Genius.

Let's say John believes that 2 + 2 = 4, and Jim believes 2 + 2 = 5. Does this mean that John should compromise and settle on 2 + 2 = 4.5? No, of course not. If John is right, then John's right. Any manner of compromising just makes him wrong. Even if John mostly gets his way, maybe in the area of 2 + 2 = 4.1, he's still wrong.

How quickly healthcare could have been reformed if those attempting actual solutions, like Sens. Max Baucus, D-Mont. or Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, didn't depend on the votes of those whose convictions were stronger than fact. Rather than proposing a bill that would help the country, making some happy and some not, they instead must propose things that leave everyone dissatisfied.

Negotiation is a fact of politics. So what? Many politicians don't even negotiate. They concede everything to their opponent and squeak in the bare minimum of what they originally intended.

One doesn't negotiate by giving the other side exactly what it would.

In our political system, one must compromise to get what they want or to decide what's right. I get it. One must start small and move in baby steps, if he or she is to accomplish anything. Members of Congress are resigned to submitting weak bills, because no bill with any kind of spine can get passed. And something is better than nothing.

But why must there be a concession at all? It's ludicrous that those who have no knowledge are allowed to hold back resolutions that would actually benefit the world.

When did ignorance gain credibility? When did being wrong mean being powerful?

This is not to say that opposing ideas should be discounted or differing opinions squashed. An informed and open trading of ideas is necessary, and from that forum decisions and courses of action should be made, regardless of how political parties or interest groups feel about it.

No matter how numerous the opposition, if they don't have any knowledge on the subject, then they don't have any authority. The opinions of 10 million people, who know nothing about climate change but feel very strongly about it, are worth nothing and should be treated as such. Question the decisions and courses of actions? Absolutely. Veto? Not a chance.

The solution is two-fold and easier talked about than implemented. Politicians, scientists and everyday people must stand by their informed convictions, and those without informed convictions should not be granted the authority to stop what will benefit the world.

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Abolishing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is in America's Best Interest

On Oct. 10, 2009, President Obama addressed 3,000 people at The Human Rights Campaign dinner in Washington. Continually criticized for his support of the homosexual community, many believed Obama would make a powerful statement concerning "don't ask, don't tell." Before his election, President Obama pledged to end "don't ask, don't tell" but failed to elaborate any further on amending the current situation in the near future.

Many in the audience at the dinner and at the National Equality March the next day felt disillusioned with the President's rhetoric and future plans. Obama made no mention of when he will address the situation or how he will resolve it. This was a missed opportunity for the President.

Since 1993, the government has protected gay men and women in the

military, keeping them from investigation or punishing them for being in the closet. In other words, every branch of the military still reserves the right to expel any openly homosexual man or woman.

Presently, the military has kicked out almost 13,000 men and women for openness about their homosexuality. This policy not only discriminates against homosexuals but has a much harsher effect on lesbians serving in the armed forces. Women, who account for 15 percent of all active-duty and reserve members of the military, made up more than one-third of the 619 people discharged last year.

The financial impact of this policy is startling to say the least. The United States Military Academy at West Point estimates the government has wasted around \$363 million dollars since 1993.

This figure seems unbelievable but actually makes perfect sense. The factors amounting to this large sum of taxpayer dollars include: "\$14.3 million for separation travel once a service member is discharged; \$17.8 million for training officers; \$252.4 million for training enlistees and \$79.3 million in recruiting costs." Replacing already trained and often times highly specialized men and women in the armed forces requires a lot of taxpayer dollars. It is not every day the military can find talented individuals fluent in foreign languages and skilled with advanced technology.

As you may have guessed, Europe is consistently more progressive and intelligent on this policy than the United States. Other than Greece, all members of the European Union permit openly homosexual men and women to serve in the armed forces. Not only have these

countries taken a positive and smart position on homosexuality in the military, but they have also protected their homosexual service men and women with numerous policies condoning sexual harassment.

According to many military law experts, it is within the authority of the executive branch to overturn this policy without congressional interference. Considering Congress has burdened President Obama on many progressive and human rights protection bills in the past few months, he should take the initiative in the near future to completely abandon "don't ask, don't tell" and implement laws to protect our gay men and women in the armed forces.

This blatant waste of taxpayer money, when American citizens already fund two very expensive wars, goes against common sense. The military could

use 13,000 extra people, if the President and his military advisers are going to increase troops in Afghanistan to 40,000.

Not only is this policy a waste of money and human capital, but "don't ask, don't tell" is segregation against people based on sexual orientation. It is ignorant that some people believe homosexuals are less qualified to partake in military operations and organization.

I believe President Obama is postponing change based on fear of backlash from an extremely religious population and military officials in the United States. Unfortunately, this is probably a second term issue for the President if he is re-elected.

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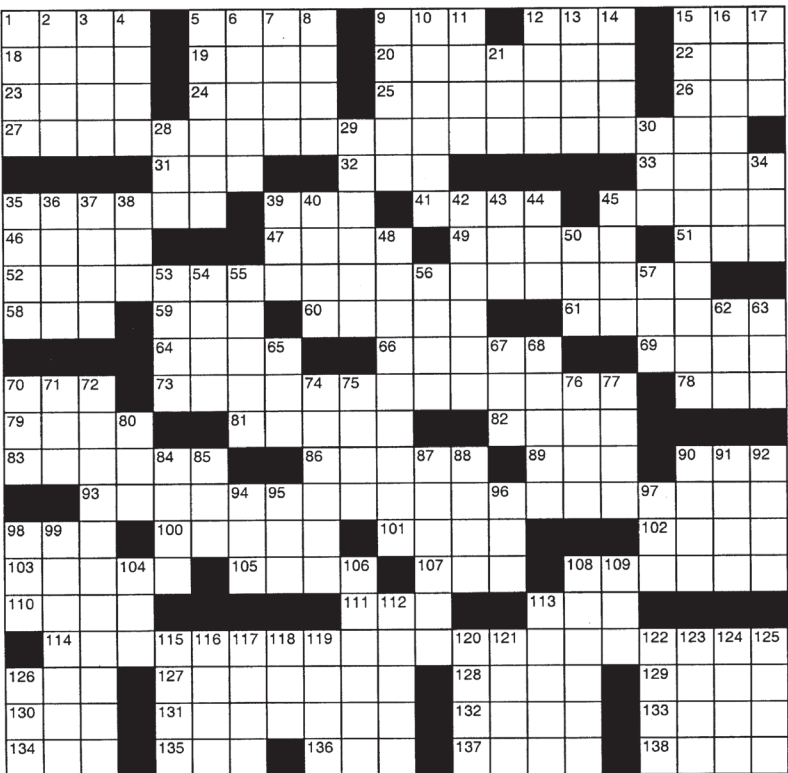
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MEN'S SOCCER
ODU @ JMU
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The Dukes have yet to lose at home this season, with four wins and two ties.

FIELD HOCKEY
William & Mary @ JMU
Friday, 7 p.m.

ODU @ JMU
Sunday, 1 p.m.
Madison ended its five-game winning streak with a non-conference loss to No. 2 UNC on Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL
Delaware @ JMU
Friday, 7 p.m.

Towson @ JMU
Saturday, 7 p.m.
JMU is still winless in conference play. Freshman Danielle Erb continues to lead the team with 236 kills.

Meet the Player



Women's Golf
Junior, Sports Management
Sweden

Catherine Gunnarsson

How long have you played golf?
I've played since I was 8 years old.

What brought you to JMU?
Mostly golf but also the experience to come to the States and learn the language and culture.

Plans after college?
My plans after college are hopefully to get a job. I don't know if I'm going to stay in the States or go back to Sweden.

Any hobbies?
I like to travel, hang out with friends, and I like to cook a lot.

Have you traveled anywhere else in the States?
I've been to Florida, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Georgia, North and South Carolina, West Virginia and New York. There might be more, but I don't remember.

Which was your favorite?
Colorado and Florida. Colorado because I went there to ski, and it's beautiful and nice all year round. I like Florida, because it is so warm.

Do you play any other sports?
I like to play soccer, basketball, tennis, and I like to ski.

What other sports do you enjoy watching?
I like to watch baseball, ice hockey, football and soccer. I like pretty much every sport actually. I'm a real sports person.

What are you currently stressing about?
I'm not that stressed at the moment. One class, anatomy, is pretty stressful though.

Any fears?
I don't like snakes, spiders and if someone close to me got cancer or a really bad disease, those are my fears.

Favorite place on campus?
The Quad. It's really beautiful with the buildings and everything. ISAT is pretty too when the sun is setting.

Describe yourself in three words
I am social, outgoing and self-confident.

Any pre-tournament rituals?
I always listen to "Simply the Best" by Tina Turner.

Biggest turn off?
I hate when they sweet talk.

What do you miss the most about Sweden?
The food. It's different and not as unhealthy.

UNC Cools Red Hot Dukes

Tar Heels End Madison's Five-Game Win Streak

By SCOTT EINSMANN
The Breeze

On a cold, windy day UNC field hockey iced JMU 2-0. The Dukes were on a five-game winning streak coming into the game and are in a three-way tie for first place in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The loss highlights the team's struggles against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents, who they are 0-3 against this year and were 1-3 last year. UNC has won each of the past eight games against JMU with an overall record of 31-6-1 against the Dukes.

Undefeated No. 2 UNC (15-0 overall) kept No. 11 JMU (10-5) on their heels, possessing the ball in Dukes' territory for most of the first half. The Tar Heels took nine shots on goal and scored once, on a penalty stroke.

The penalty stroke was the result of a JMU defender hitting a UNC player's



NATHAN CARDEN/contributing photographer

Freshman forward **Tori Lindsey** could not add to her team-leading goal total in the Dukes 2-0 loss Sunday afternoon. The Tar Heels have now won eight straight over JMU, including three consecutive shutouts. Both of UNC's goals were scored on penalty shots.

stick while she was taking a shot. Madison was unable to take any shots in the first half. While they struggled on offense, the defense kept the game to a manageable score.

Down by only one goal entering the second half, JMU was not out of the game yet. They were able to retain possession of the ball for more time, but

were unable to capitalize on the three shots on goal taken.

The Dukes normally-explosive offense struggled to move the ball against the Tar Heels. In contrast, UNC spread the ball around with accurate passing and ball control. The Tar Heels second half goal was also off a penalty corner.

UNC had an average game, entering

the contest ranked first in the country in scoring margin, assists per game, goals against average, points per game, save percentage, shutouts per game and winning percentage. UNC has had only three games this season where it didn't shut out its opponent.

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COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

South



(No. 1) Richmond 38, Maine 21
The reigning national champions defeated the Black Bears in Orono for their 15th consecutive win. Senior quarterback Eric Ward broke the school record for career touchdown passes with his three-yard scoring strike to sophomore wide receiver Donte Boston in the third quarter. Richmond was trailing at the time but rolled off 28 unanswered points to seal its sixth win of the year.



(No. 6) Villanova 27, (No. 16) JMU 0
The Wildcats snapped their three-game losing streak against the Dukes with a shutout at Bridgeforth Stadium. Junior wide receiver Matt Szczur caught two touchdown passes and also set up another score with a 44-yard run from a direct snap out of Villanova's "Cape May" formation. Villanova forced three fumbles in the game.



(No. 23) Delaware 49, Towson 21
Delaware's Pat Devlin was efficient in his first game after being named to the Walter Payton Award (national player of the year) watch list, completing 9-of-15 passes for 127 yards and connecting with senior wide receiver Mark Duncan on two touchdown passes. The Blue Hens have now won three straight games.

North



(No. 18) Massachusetts 23, (No. 14) New Hampshire 17
Minutemen backup running back Jonathan Hernandez ran 42 yards for the game-winning score in place of CAA leading rusher, Tony Nelson. Hernandez ran for 166 yards to send the Wildcats to their first loss of the year.



Hofstra 28, Rhode Island 16
The Pride are now 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the CAA. Sophomore quarterback Steve Probst tossed an 89-yard touchdown pass and ran for a 29-yard score to lead the Pride over the Rams on the road in Kingston. Hofstra held Rhode Island to only 32 yards rushing.

CURRENT CAA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	NORTH	CAA Record	Overall Record	Overall Home	Overall Away	Overall Streak
	New Hampshire	2-1	5-1	3-0	2-1	L1
	Massachusetts	2-1	4-2	4-0	0-2	W1
	Hofstra	2-2	4-3	2-1	2-2	W1
	Maine	2-2	3-4	1-2	2-2	L1
	Rhode Island	0-3	1-5	1-2	0-3	L5
	Northeastern	0-3	0-6	0-4	0-2	L6

	SOUTH	CAA Record	Overall Record	Overall Home	Overall Away	Overall Streak
	Richmond	4-0	6-0	2-0	4-0	W15
	Villanova	3-1	6-1	3-0	3-1	W1
	William & Mary	2-1	5-1	2-0	3-1	W1
	Delaware	3-2	5-2	3-1	2-1	W3
	Towson	1-2	2-4	1-2	1-2	L1
	James Madison	0-3	2-4	1-2	1-2	L3

Women's Soccer Hard Fought Win

By COLLEEN HAYES
contributing writer

Biting temperatures and relentless wind could not stop the JMU women's soccer team from beating William & Mary 1-0 at home Sunday. Fresh off a 2-0 victory Friday against Old Dominion, the Dukes were equally matched by the Tribe, who own a nearly identical conference record.

Primarily a defensive battle, the first half left both teams scoreless and frustrated.

"They are our biggest in-state rival, and I think it was just a matter of us being evenly matched during the first half, but we have won the last three games when we play William & Mary so we knew we could pull it out," JMU coach Dave Lombardo said.

Strong defensive showings from senior captains Teri Maykoski and Morven Ross kept the Dukes (9-6-1 overall, 5-2-1 in Colonial Athletic Association) focused in the first half as they offense struggled to connect up top.

Offensive powerhouse Corky Julien was consistently double-teamed and unable to break free when senior Jess Remmes and junior Teresa Rynier

passed inside.

Both teams' goalies had to step up and help their defense, as the offensive pressure was constant.

"The first half was rough, but during the second half we came out with a new energy and knew we had to put one away," senior goalie Diane Wszalek said.

Midway through the first half, Ross collided with fellow JMU senior Ashley Flatland as they both went up to head the ball.

"I knew there was a William & Mary player behind me, so I was trying to block her as I went up for the ball, but I didn't see Ashley and we just collided," she said.

Flatland was escorted off, a little shaken up but without injury. Ross was down on the field for a few minutes as blood poured from the top of her left eye. She later received 19 stitches and is now doing fine.

Soon after the collision, Julien looked like she would break through and took a shot on goal but missed high as the wind lifted it, and the ball bounced off the top post.

see **SOCCER**, page 8



DAVID CASTERLINE/The Breeze

Freshman **Amalya Clayton's** top-right corner shot was just barely saved by the keeper. Clayton has played in 15 of JMU's 16 games this year. Madison is currently 9-6-1.

SOCCER | 1-0 Victory

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At the start of the second half, JMU immediately got in control of the ball, thanks to Remmes' quick feet.

It only took four minutes for the Dukes to gain control of the game as Maykoski crossed inside to freshman forward Amalya Clayton, who took a shot in the top right corner, but the William & Mary goalkeeper barely saved it.

Not discouraged, the Dukes got the ball back within the next minute as junior defender Corinna Strickland took a direct kick from the backfield, dropping the ball right in the box. Multiple players got a foot on it, but it snuck out to an unguarded Julien, who tapped it right into the top middle of the box for an easy goal and the lead.

After the score, the game returned to a pace similar to the first half, tough defense and physical battles up top. A solid force on the left wing was sophomore defender Lisa Heise, who consistently made

accurate passes up field to keep the ball alive.

"After halftime my coach told me I just needed to pick it up," Heise said. "Something just hit me, I knew we needed to do this for the seniors."

The match-up was the last home game of the season, and a poignant moment for the seniors as they were individually recognized at the start of the game.

While there were no more goals, the Dukes managed to pull out a tough 1-0 win against a conference rival, setting them up for qualification for the CAA tournament.

"Only the top four teams get into the tournament now, as opposed to how it used to be six teams, and based on the outcome of the UNC Wilmington game, we will either be tied for second or sitting in second place alone," Lombardo said.

The Dukes take on Northeastern and Hofstra at their respective schools this weekend as they fight to keep this in-conference winning streak.

UNC | Good Defense

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The final score could have been much higher with 22 shots taken for UNC compared to JMU's three. The game was a low-scoring one for UNC who averages more than five goals per game. Goalkeeper Kelsey Cutchins, who had 10 saves, did well keeping the score low.

JMU Coach Antoinette Lucas recognized the solid

defensive stand and the offensive struggles.

"Defensively I'm really proud of our kids," Lucas said. "Offensively we just have to have a little better final pass going into the circle. We got down the field, three quarters of the way down the field, and that last quarter is killing us."

The Dukes face CAA opponents William & Mary and Old Dominion this week.

FOOTBALL | Senior Players Stand Behind Young QB Despite Two Fumbles in Saturday's Loss to Villanova



ROBERT BOAG/The Breeze

Former JMU quarterback Rodney Landers ('08) gives redshirt freshman quarterback Justin Thorpe advice on how to protect the football after Thorpe's two fumbles in the 27-0 loss to Villanova on Saturday. The Richmond native also fumbled on the final drive last week against Richmond.

from front

defensive back Fred Maldonado recovered it at the JMU 42-yard line.

Madison's defense only had one lapse on the ensuing drive, however, when Whitney didn't see any receivers open, he took off for a 27-yard scramble. But defensive tackle Ronnell Brown would stop the next two plays in the backfield with a sack and tackle for loss, setting up a third-and-15 that Villanova could not convert.

The Wildcats' Nick Yako would make his second field goal attempt of the game, this one from 32 yards out. His first field goal was a career long 42-yarder in the first quarter.

"To be blunt about it, if we hadn't have played such good defense, we would've really been in trouble," Matthews said. "Especially with all the

field position they had, it probably should've been 47-0. It was just an embarrassment

"It was just an embarrassment offensively"

- MICKEY MATTHEWS
JMU football coach

offensively."

JMU tight end Mike Caussin, who after scoring four touchdowns in the season's first two games has only caught four passes for 40 yards in the four games since then, expressed after the game that the offense is not losing confidence in Thorpe.

"We know he's young," Caussin said. "But we also know that he's our guy. No matter what happens, positive, negative, he's our guy. It's frustrating sometimes when you wanna win so bad, and guys aren't taking care of the ball. But we're gonna back him up no matter what happens."

The senior and team captain also showed remorse for his teammates on the other side of the ball because of his team's poor showing offensively.

"Words can't really describe it," Caussin said. "I legitimately feel bad for the defense, because they are doing everything they can to win games, and we can't do anything. Villanova — they really got us good today because they don't blitz as much as they did today on a regular basis. They really took advantage of Justin being young."

On Madison's last drive of the first half, when it finally crossed midfield, Caussin made a leaping catch on the sideline reminiscent of his second touchdown against Maryland.

Defensively, Brown made seven tackles for JMU, half of which were for loss. Senior defensive end Arthur Moats also tacked on two tackles for loss to bring his nation leading total to 15 on the season. Moats was recently added to the Buck Buchanan (national defensive player of the year) Award watch list.

Moats said this team's focus should not be on the playoffs that the team will most likely miss but instead on William & Mary.

"I don't concern myself with that," Moats said. "I'm just focused on the next game. I feel if we win and when we get a time, everything will take care of itself."

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Mr. and Ms. Madison: Choosing Two Out of More Than 18,000



By AMBER LOGSDON
contributing writer

Dukes are famous for ‘bleeding purple’ year round, especially near the middle of October. JMU’s own take on the Homecoming King and Queen tradition from high school is Mr. and Ms. Madison, titles the school has awarded for more than 40 years. Each year, two seniors are voted on by their peers as being ones who personify the Madison spirit.

Instead of the student body nominating them, the candidates are selected by leaders of campus clubs and organizations. Typically, a list of top 20 candidates is chosen — 10 males and 10 females

— from the pool of applicants. However, this year only 18 students applied — 11 girls and seven guys. After, the finalists participated in an interviewing round, which narrowed the selection down to eight. Finally, voting was opened to students. This week the students were able to choose this year’s Mr. and Ms. Madison through an online poll.

What sets this year’s process apart, though, is the great amount of student involvement in the election. Brock Wallace, a junior and vice president of student affairs, said, “The students, actually, have started to do a lot of campaigning for the finalists. You see these groups on Facebook like, ‘Richie Blessing for Mr. Madison’ or ‘Vote for Candace Avalos.’ I’m really impressed with what they’re doing.”

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JAKE THIEWES/The Breeze

Student ambassadors nominated both Mr. and Ms. Madison winners Allie Weissberg and Richie Blessing. They accepted their awards at halftime of the Homecoming game Saturday.

MICHAEL LARRICK
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Got Me All A Twitter

Little Tweets of a Genius

As a young adult entering the real world in the digital age, I’ve always tried to keep up with the latest technological developments. When the video iPod first came out, I bought it immediately and began exploring the limitless possibilities of watching movies and videos on a screen that’s entirely too small for any practical purpose. However, I’ve had a hard time grasping a recent development in the realm of social networking: Twitter.



At first I thought this microblogging was exactly like a Facebook status, but boy was I wrong! At first glance, it may seem exactly the damn same, but when you examine it more closely, it’s nearly a polar opposite. When on Facebook, you “update” your status, but on Twitter, you’re “tweeting,” and you don’t comment on people’s tweets, you “reply.” You see how creative and original it is? It’s like when you listen to the two 50 Cent hits, “Candy Shop” and “Magic Stick”. At first, it may seem as if they have the same melody, and it seems insane that people think this guy is talented, but when you listen to them again, the words aren’t the same and the beat is slightly different. See what I’m saying?

The best thing about Twitter is that I can stay completely up-to-date on what’s happening in my friends’ lives without ever leaving my computer. That way, I can live vicariously through my avatar on World of Warcraft and use Twitter to mask my crippling social anxiety. Is it really my fault if the only way I can be myself is when speaking through my Mage character? People just tend to respect you more when they know you can destroy them with a wide variety of spells you’ve wasted hours of your short life perfecting; I’m not a player, I just PWN a lot.

The crux of Twitter’s popularity is that it gives the public the opportunity to feel connected with its favorite celebrities by allowing them to be updated on what’s going on in their lives. My first instinct was to begin following celebrities I like, but I figured it’d be much more entertaining if I followed someone like Tila Tequila. If you’re wondering what she’s been doing recently, follow her on Twitter, and she’ll keep you up-to-date on what she’s doing and/or thinking every five f----- seconds.

You’d think it would be really annoying, and it totally is, but I use it as a superficial self-esteem booster. It’s just like when you go to Walmart, see someone whose gender is a question mark and say to yourself “Thank God I’m not that thing.”

Recently, Tila has been ranting about aliens, conspiracy theories and the government’s plans to eliminate her. Take a look at some of her tweets, and I promise you’ll start feeling better about your brain capacity

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‘Let the Wild Rumpus Start’

‘Where the Wild Things Are’ Big Screen Adaptation Delights Audiences

By AMBER LOGSDON
contributing writer

Movie adaptations of books can be a touchy subject. Usually when one is announced, fans young and old alike become concerned: Will the director do the book justice (Chuck Palahniuk’s “Fight Club,” for example), or will it be completely butchered (see Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight”)? For Maurice Sendak’s classic 1963 children’s tale, “Where the Wild Things Are,” the reactions were no different. Generations of people have grown up with the story of Max and his venture into the land of the Wild Things. Ruining its spirit and whimsical tones would be a crime.

Where the Wild Things Are

★★★★☆
94 MINUTES | PG

STARRING Max Records, Catherine Keener, James Gandolfini, Paul Dano, Forest Whitaker

As soon as the film opens, the viewer is put into Max’s mind with child-like scribbling over the production company’s title cards. The first bit of action is Max (Max Records, “The Brothers

Bloom”) in his iconic wolf suit, wrestling with his dog. From there, the magic begins to unfold. Max, feeling abandoned by his family and isolated by others, is torn between growing up and staying rooted in childhood. After a fight with his mother, the young hero runs away from home into the nearby woods. His imagination takes him to a far-away land where he is named king by its inhabitants — the Wild Things.

He is quickly thrust into the lives of these great beasts and given the reins to help pull them out of their “sadness and loneliness.” What Max comes to realize throughout the course of the film is that each of the Wild Things possesses a different part of his personality, but in the

extreme; one Thing, Alexander (Paul Dano, “Little Miss Sunshine”), shares Max’s feelings of not being heard. For a while, Max and his ‘subjects’ live in harmony, and all is right within their world.

However, because the Things are so strong in their emotions, everything spirals out of control after a once-playful ‘war’ turns into an angst-fest. Max cannot handle all of the fighting, forcing him to give up his crown. His best friend during his time there, Carol (James Gandolfini, “The Taking of Pelham 123”), becomes enraged with Max and tries to attack

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A New Route

Paper Route Set to Tour Europe with Paramore

By ELYSE KRACHMAN
contributing writer

At first glance, a gigantic piggy bank does not seem to have any use beyond storing change. But for Nashville-based Paper Route, the piggy bank was the perfect percussion instrument for one of their debut tracks.

“We used [it]... on one of our old recordings for a big stomping, shaking noise,” said Andy Smith, guitarist and vocalist for the band.

This ingenuity reflects the talent that Paper Route has for building a distinct sound, a talent that has landed them the opening spot on friend Paramore’s upcoming European tour.

But before heading to Europe, Paper Route will make a stop at Harrisonburg’s Clementine Café on Oct.

22 at 9:30 p.m.

Self-described as “a rock band with a lot of electronic elements,” Paper Route is composed of a cast of animated, intensely creative individuals. According to J.T. Daly, programming and vocals, “Gavin [McDonald] is the renegade, Chad [Howat] is the scientist, Andy is the looks and I’m the brain.”

The band is touring in support of their newest album “Absences,” an album made “with the intention of... performing it live,” Smith said.

“I feel like it has a little bit more energy than anything we’ve done up to this point. It’s probably the most complete thought,” Daly said, “Originally we were just a studio band, demanding people’s attention. That’s what we made the music for. This album



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From left Chad Howat (bass, keys), Andy Smith (guitar, vocals), J.T. Daly (programming, vocals) and Gavin McDonald (drums) make up the band Paper Route.

changed the way that we recorded.”

After recording the first part of the album in Nashville, Tenn., the band packed up and moved to Nunnally, Tenn., an hour from Nashville.

“Getting out in the middle of nowhere, in what felt like a haunted mansion from the 1990s, was just a

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‘New Moon’ Soundtrack Delivers

Modern Indie Rock Artists Grizzly Bear, Bon Iver, St. Vincent and Thom Yorke Boost CD’s Fan Base

By JEFF WADE
contributing writer

The legions of “Twilight” die-hards are sure to make the “New Moon” soundtrack a success sales wise. Just look at the front cover; with the three brooding main characters staring off into the distance. That is enough to bring \$15 out of the pockets of “Twilight” fans everywhere.

The surprising part of the “New Moon” soundtrack lies in the back cover. The list of artists contributing to the soundtrack reads like a who’s who of modern indie rock. Grizzly Bear, Bon Iver, St. Vincent, Thom Yorke; that is enough to make normally reserved “Twilight” haters shriek like, well “Twilight” fangirls.

With the film still weeks away, it is hard to evaluate how well the soundtrack fits into its context. On the surface it seems like a decent enough

fit as most of these songs could be used to score the quintessential elements of the “Twilight” franchise. Artificial separation of lovers, brooding, sparkling and vacantly staring would all work well with the never above mid-tempo music.

The compilation as a whole does have a singular atmosphere to it, even with the wide spectrum of artists. The best material comes from the expected sources. Radiohead frontman Thom Yorke’s song “Hearing Damage” fares the best of all with its pulsating electronica making it a standout.

Other highlights include two collaborations from a pair of up-and-comers. “Roslyn” the duet between Bon Iver and St. Vincent is a low-key duet and a nice piece of insular indie folk. Similarly, Grizzly Bear brings its chamber-pop with interlocking

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In a campus of more than 18,000 students, you never know what could come out of someone’s mouth. Here are some interesting quotes that students overheard at JMU.



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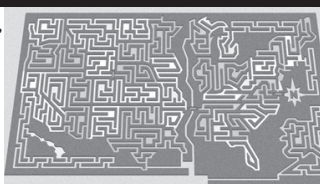
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